

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1 and 10 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A paint ball gun cleaning device for cleaning an inside barrel of a paint ball gun, the cleaning device comprising:

- a. An outer tube having a first end and a second end, wherein the diameter of the outer tube is configured to permit the outer tube to be removably inserted along the length of the inside barrel of the paint ball gun;
- b. An inner tube having a first end and a second end, wherein the diameter of the inner tube is configured to permit the inner tube to be movably inserted along the length of the outer [barrel] tube;
- c. A first compressible cleaning tip having a smaller diameter than the inside barrel, and further having at least a non-compressed state and a compressed state, the non-compressed state having a corresponding non-compressed diameter, and the compressed state having a corresponding compressed diameter, wherein the compressed diameter is greater than the non-compressed diameter; and
- d. A cleaning tip compression member having a smaller diameter than the inside barrel, and further having a first end and a second end, wherein the second end of the cleaning tip compression member is in communication with the first end of the inner tube and constrains the position of the first compressible cleaning tip in the proximity of the first end of the outer tube, the cleaning tip compression member is further configured to be in communication with the side of said first compressible cleaning tip that is

distal from the inner tube, and may be actuated to induce a compression state change in the first compressible cleaning tip when the inner tube is longitudinally retracted [moved] relative to the outer tube, thereby selectively inducing the non-compressed state and the compressed state.

10. (Currently amended) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 0, wherein the outer tube and inner tube are made of a malleable material that may be cut to an arbitrary length, using common cutting tools, and remain operable for their intended purpose.

Please **ADD** the following claims 14-18:

14. (New) A paint ball gun cleaning device for cleaning an inside barrel of a paint ball gun, the cleaning device comprising:

- a. An outer tube having a first end and a second end, wherein the diameter of the outer tube is configured to permit the outer tube to be removably inserted along the length of the inside barrel of the paint ball gun;
- b. An inner tube having a first end and a second end, wherein the diameter of the inner tube is configured to permit the inner tube to be movably inserted along the length of the outer tube, wherein the outer tube and the inner tube have at least one flexible but sufficiently rigid section permitting the paint ball gun cleaning device to flexibly fold but otherwise be stiff enough to be pushed through the inside barrel when not folded;
- c. A first compressible cleaning tip having a smaller diameter than the inside barrel, and further having at least a non-compressed state and a compressed state, the non-compressed state having a corresponding non-compressed

diameter, and the compressed state having a corresponding compressed diameter, wherein the compressed diameter is greater than the non-compressed diameter; and

- d. A cleaning tip compression member having a smaller diameter than the inside barrel, and further having a first end and a second end, wherein the second end of the cleaning tip compression member is in communication with the first end of the inner tube and constrains the position of the first compressible cleaning tip in the proximity of the first end of the outer tube, the cleaning tip compression member is further configured to be in communication with the side of said first compressible cleaning tip that is distal from the inner tube, and may be actuated to induce a compression state change in the first compressible cleaning tip when the inner tube is moved relative to the outer tube, thereby selectively inducing the non-compressed state and the compressed state.

15. (New) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 14, further comprising:

- e. A cleaning tip adaptor member having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of the cleaning tip adaptor member is in communication with the second end of the inner tube; and
- f. A second compressible cleaning tip for cleaning the inside barrel, which second compressible cleaning tip is in communication the second end of the cleaning tip adaptor member.

16. (New) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 15, further comprising:

A removable protective sleeve sufficiently covering the cleaning tip adaptor

member to substantially prevent harmful contact with the inside barrel and to provide some degree of rigid support between the cleaning tip adaptor member and the second compressible cleaning tip.

17. (New) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 14, where in at least one inner tube section corresponding to the at least one flexible section of the outer tube is replaced with a monofilament line that connects the inner tube sections not substantially corresponding to the flexible outer tube section.
18. (New) A paint ball gun cleaning device for cleaning an inside barrel of a paint ball gun, the cleaning device comprising:
 - a. An outer tube having a first end and a second end, wherein the diameter of the outer tube is configured to permit the outer tube to be removably inserted along the length of the inside barrel of the paint ball gun;
 - b. An inner tube having a first end and a second end, wherein the diameter of the inner tube is configured to permit the inner tube to be movably inserted along the length of the outer tube, wherein the outer tube and inner tube are made of a malleable material that may be cut to an arbitrary length, using common cutting tools, and remain operable for their intended purpose;
 - c. A first tip means for cleaning the inside barrel, said first barrel cleaning means having at least a non-engaged state and an engaged state; and
 - d. A cleaning tip engagement member having a smaller diameter than the inside barrel, and further having a first end and a second end, wherein the second end of the cleaning tip engagement member is in communication with the first end of the inner tube and constrains the position of the first barrel cleaning means in the proximity of the first end of the outer tube, the cleaning tip engagement member is further configured to be in

communication with the side of said first barrel cleaning means that is distal from the inner tube, and may be actuated to induce a engagement state change in the first barrel cleaning means when the inner tube is longitudinally retracted relative to the outer tube, thereby selectively inducing the non-engaged state and the engaged state.

Please **CANCEL** claims 12 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Thus, the currently pending claims are as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A paint ball gun cleaning device for cleaning an inside barrel of a paint ball gun, the cleaning device comprising:
 - a. An outer tube having a first end and a second end, wherein the diameter of the outer tube is configured to permit the outer tube to be removably inserted along the length of the inside barrel of the paint ball gun;
 - b. An inner tube having a first end and a second end, wherein the diameter of the inner tube is configured to permit the inner tube to be movably inserted along the length of the outer tube;
 - c. A first compressible cleaning tip having a smaller diameter than the inside barrel, and further having at least a non-compressed state and a compressed state, the non-compressed state having a corresponding non-compressed diameter, and the compressed state having a corresponding compressed diameter, wherein the compressed diameter is greater than the non-compressed diameter; and

d. A cleaning tip compression member having a smaller diameter than the inside barrel, and further having a first end and a second end, wherein the second end of the cleaning tip compression member is in communication with the first end of the inner tube and constrains the position of the first compressible cleaning tip in the proximity of the first end of the outer tube, the cleaning tip compression member is further configured to be in communication with the side of said first compressible cleaning tip that is distal from the inner tube, and may be actuated to induce a compression state change in the first compressible cleaning tip when the inner tube is longitudinally retracted relative to the outer tube, thereby selectively inducing the non-compressed state and the compressed state.

2. (Original) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 1, further comprising:

- e. A cleaning tip adaptor member having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of the cleaning tip adaptor member is in communication with the second end of the inner tube; and
- f. A second compressible cleaning tip for cleaning the inside barrel, which second compressible cleaning tip is in communication the second end of the cleaning tip adaptor member.

3. (Original) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 2, further comprising:

A removable protective sleeve sufficiently covering the cleaning tip adaptor member to substantially prevent harmful contact with the inside barrel and to provide some degree of rigid support between the cleaning tip adaptor member and the second compressible cleaning tip.

4. (Original) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 3, further comprising a lanyard that is configured to secure the outer tube to a user.
5. (Original) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 2, wherein the second compressible cleaning tip is a flag or a cotton towel.
6. (Original) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 2, wherein the second end of the cleaning tip adaptor member is configured to adequately secure a flag or a cotton towel when used for cleaning the inside barrel.
7. (Original) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the outer tube and the inner tube have at least one flexible but sufficiently rigid section permitting the paint ball gun cleaning device to flexibly fold but otherwise be stiff enough to be pushed through the inside barrel when not folded.
8. (Original) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 7, where in at least one inner tube section corresponding to the at least one flexible section of the outer tube is replaced with a monofilament line that connects the inner tube sections not substantially corresponding to the flexible outer tube section.
9. (Original) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the first compressible cleaning tip is a spherical rubber ball.
10. (Currently amended) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the outer tube and inner tube are made of a malleable material that may be cut to an arbitrary length, using common cutting tools, and remain operable for their intended purpose.
11. (Original) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 10, wherein the malleable material is plastic.
12. cancelled.

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14. (New) A paint ball gun cleaning device for cleaning an inside barrel of a paint ball gun, the cleaning device comprising:

- a. An outer tube having a first end and a second end, wherein the diameter of the outer tube is configured to permit the outer tube to be removably inserted along the length of the inside barrel of the paint ball gun;
- b. An inner tube having a first end and a second end, wherein the diameter of the inner tube is configured to permit the inner tube to be movably inserted along the length of the outer tube, wherein the outer tube and the inner tube have at least one flexible but sufficiently rigid section permitting the paint ball gun cleaning device to flexibly fold but otherwise be stiff enough to be pushed through the inside barrel when not folded;
- c. A first compressible cleaning tip having a smaller diameter than the inside barrel, and further having at least a non-compressed state and a compressed state, the non-compressed state having a corresponding non-compressed diameter, and the compressed state having a corresponding compressed diameter, wherein the compressed diameter is greater than the non-compressed diameter; and
- d. A cleaning tip compression member having a smaller diameter than the inside barrel, and further having a first end and a second end, wherein the second end of the cleaning tip compression member is in communication with the first end of the inner tube and constrains the position of the first compressible cleaning tip in the proximity of the first end of the outer tube,

the cleaning tip compression member is further configured to be in communication with the side of said first compressible cleaning tip that is distal from the inner tube, and may be actuated to induce a compression state change in the first compressible cleaning tip when the inner tube is moved relative to the outer tube, thereby selectively inducing the non-compressed state and the compressed state.

15. (New) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 14, further comprising:

- e. A cleaning tip adaptor member having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of the cleaning tip adaptor member is in communication with the second end of the inner tube; and
- f. A second compressible cleaning tip for cleaning the inside barrel, which second compressible cleaning tip is in communication the second end of the cleaning tip adaptor member.

16. (New) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 15, further comprising:

A removable protective sleeve sufficiently covering the cleaning tip adaptor member to substantially prevent harmful contact with the inside barrel and to provide some degree of rigid support between the cleaning tip adaptor member and the second compressible cleaning tip.

17. (New) The paint ball gun cleaning device of claim 14, where in at least one inner tube section corresponding to the at least one flexible section of the outer tube is replaced with a monofilament line that connects the inner tube sections not substantially corresponding to the flexible outer tube section.

18. (New) A paint ball gun cleaning device for cleaning an inside barrel of a paint ball gun, the cleaning device comprising:

- a. An outer tube having a first end and a second end, wherein the diameter of the outer tube is configured to permit the outer tube to be removably inserted along the length of the inside barrel of the paint ball gun;
- b. An inner tube having a first end and a second end, wherein the diameter of the inner tube is configured to permit the inner tube to be movably inserted along the length of the outer tube, wherein the outer tube and inner tube are made of a malleable material that may be cut to an arbitrary length, using common cutting tools, and remain operable for their intended purpose;
- c. A first tip means for cleaning the inside barrel, said first barrel cleaning means having at least a non-engaged state and an engaged state; and
- d. A cleaning tip engagement member having a smaller diameter than the inside barrel, and further having a first end and a second end, wherein the second end of the cleaning tip engagement member is in communication with the first end of the inner tube and constrains the position of the first barrel cleaning means in the proximity of the first end of the outer tube, the cleaning tip engagement member is further configured to be in communication with the side of said first barrel cleaning means that is distal from the inner tube, and may be actuated to induce a engagement state change in the first barrel cleaning means when the inner tube is longitudinally retracted relative to the outer tube, thereby selectively inducing the non-engaged state and the engaged state.